

### **REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Reexamination of the captioned application is respectfully requested.

#### **A. SUMMARY OF THIS AMENDMENT**

By the current amendment, Applicants basically:

1. Cancel claims 2-4, 10-12, 18-20 and 27 without prejudice or disclaimer.
2. Thank the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter in claims 4-8, 12-16 and 20-24.
3. Amend independent claim 1 to include the subject matter of claims 2 and 4.
4. Amend independent claim 9 to include the subject matter of claims 10 and 12.
5. Amend independent claim 17 to include the subject matter of claims 18 and 20.
6. amend the dependencies of claims 5 – 8, 13-16, 21 – 24.
7. Advise the Examiner of the simultaneous filing of a Petition to Extend.

#### **B. PATENTABILITY OF THE CLAIMS**

In view of the indication in the final office action of allowable subject matter and the amendments implemented herein, all pending claims are deemed allowable. A formal indication of allowability is earnestly requested.

#### **C. MISCELLANEOUS**

The Commissioner is authorized to charge the undersigned's deposit account #14-1140 in whatever amount is necessary for entry of these papers and the continued pendency of the captioned application.

Should the Examiner feel that an interview with the undersigned would facilitate allowance of this application, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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